

Shimoga, Gauribidanur, Kampli and Pandavapura, etc.;

(b) whether there is any proposal for starting one more Sugar Factory in Tarikere Taluk;

(c) when these factories are expected to go into production;

(d) what are the steps taken to raise sugarcane for these factories?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Industries).—

(a) In the case of the Shimoga Factory construction work is reported to be progressing. In the case of the others, construction work has not yet been taken up.

(b) Yes.

(c) Except in the case of the Gauribidanur Factory, the other factories are expected to go into production within the period stipulated by the Licensing Committee of the Government of India.

(d) Government have no information.

Tank at Bichapur, Gauribidanur Taluk (Third Sluice).

Q.—453. Sri A. MUNIYAPPA (Sidlaghatta - Chikballapur—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it has come to their notice that two sluices were first sanctioned by them to the tank at Bichapur in Gauribidanur Taluk;

(b) the reason for having a third sluice to the said tank (details to be given) ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Industries).—

(a) Yes.

(b) It was found that owing to a change in the alignment of the bund during the execution of the work a third sluice was necessary for the purpose of irrigating certain lands entitled to water supply.

Tanks in Chikmagalur District.

Q.—479. Srimathi B. L. SUBBAMMA (Chikmagalur-Mudigere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of tanks in Chikmagalur District;

(b) the steps taken by them in regard to their repairs for the last two years;

(c) whether they contemplate desilting also in addition to repairing the sluices and bunds in the case of repairing malnad tanks?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Industries).—

(a) 2,321.

(b) Action was taken to effect repairs to 177 tanks during 1953-54 and to 171 tanks during 1954-55, after getting up necessary estimates.

(c) Desilting also will be done wherever necessary and feasible.

Sarvajanika Hostels.

Q.—627. Sri K. PRABHAKAR (Nelamangala—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) how many hostels have been so far built as Sarvajanika Hostels;

(b) what is the Government quota of help given in each case?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(a) Nil.

(b) *Vide* Statement appended.

1 P.M.

Business of the House.

***Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY** (Chitaldrug).—Mr. Speaker, Sir, according to the Provisional Programme that was given to us, Government had made provision for discussing the Second Five-Year Plan and some other Bills. According to the revised programme, we find that the session might come to

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an end after the discussion of the S.R. Bill. I would like to know whether the Government intend placing the Five-Year Plan before this House and whether the Government would intend placing the University Bill after it emerges from the Joint Select Committee and the Second Amendment Bill to the Tenancy legislation in Mysore which was half discussed and also other Bills so that the House may have a definite programme and the members might adjust their time according to that programme.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I will give a revised programme in consultation with the Government to-day afternoon or to-morrow morning.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS (St. John's Hill).—Last year, the Government was pleased to declare a holiday on Good Friday. May I request once again to declare a holiday on Good Friday? If this is, however, impossible, will the Government atleast consider the desirability of having a morning session on that day, Sir?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister and Leader of the House).—Sir, the pressure of work during this session is so great that Good Friday has to remain as good. So far as the other suggestions are concerned, we may think over, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—That will be considered.

To-day we have got demands Nos. 31, 32, 32A, 34, 43A and 44. I have allotted the time in this manner.

I will move Demand No. 31, but Demands Nos. 32, 32A and 43A can all be taken up together and discussed up to 3 p.m. The next Demand No. 34 (Miscellaneous) can be discussed for half an hour. Demand No. 44 *re.* Schemes connected with State Trading can be discussed from 4 to 5 p.m. Now I will move Demand No. 31.

DEMAND No. 31—TERRITORIAL AND POLITICAL PENSIONS.

54-A. TERRITORIAL AND POLITICAL PENSIONS.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Motion moved :

“That a sum not exceeding Rs. 2,31,000 be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st day of March 1957, in respect of ‘Territorial and Political Pensions’.”

*Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug).—I oppose the demand under Territorial and Political Pensions for Rs. 2,31,000.

Sir, since 1952, incessant demands have been made on the Government that this archaic system of paying pensions for political and other reasons should be done away with. In the new set up we talk of equality of persons and democratic way of life and socialist system of society. I fail to understand how these professions along with these practices can go together. The Finance Minister, when a cut motion was moved that this demand should be reduced by Rs. 100 disproving of the Government policy, was pleased to say that the Government would pursue a policy of converting those people that were drawing these political pensions to voluntarily forego these pensions. Year after year the same pious promises are made but are not kept up. I would earnestly urge upon the Government that they should take serious steps to put an end to these archaisms and do away with this payment.

Regarding the second Demand, Sir, I oppose this Demand. Government have no set policy in giving extensions, in making re-employment of officers who have retired. For well-known reasons, Government have fixed up the retiring age at 55. We know, Sir, that many people, after they reach the age of 55, will not be able to discharge their duties properly, fairly and efficiently. For 30 to 35 long years they will have put in sufficient service; they will have engaged themselves in active life. So much so, they will have exhausted themselves and they will not be fit for any positive work that is entrusted to them. When such is the position, the Government are giving extensions indiscriminately and unnecessarily.